

FIRE FAILS TO CHECK ENERGY OF Y. W. CAMPAIGN

While Y. W. C. A. workers were busily engaged in the campaign to raise \$45,000 this morning, a fire broke out in the "Y" building, burning an awning and spoiling appearances. It was rumored that the fire was due to spontaneous combustion caused by the flood of money flowing into the coffers.

All through the fire the workers continued to come in, and the janitor and one or two secretaries were left to fight the flames. One of the staff hurried a bucket of cold water but it struck the janitor who was rendered hors de combat.

A large sum is expected in the campaign which will end this week, and the workers are bending every effort to make a banner drive tomorrow. As an incident of the work which the women of the association throughout the world are doing the following letter which was recently received from Halifax is particularly interesting and significant when all the allied world is mourning for the Canadian city. The letter is to Miss Dorothy Rowell from her sister.

"The most interesting thing I have heard this week was a description of her summer's work in an ammunition factory from a Miss Murray, a fourth year medical student. Her cousin is premier of Nova Scotia at present. But I wish I could transcribe all she told us of the two ammunition factories where she spent ten weeks last summer. 'It was good fun,' she said, 'but hard, too.'

"The night shift on which she was most of the time, was from 6:15 to 7:15 a. m. thirteen hours of standing on one's feet, handling heavy shells, with just a half hour off at midnight. The day shift of eleven hours was hotter, of course, but she said that even at night one would be dripping with perspiration as late as 11 o'clock. She was inspecting shells and marking them for various rectifications, a thing requiring very minute measurements; then carrying them over to the men who did the rectifying.

"One shell in each hand meant a weight of fifty-five pounds, and of course each one was handled as many times as was necessary till passed.

"There were all kinds of people there, college men and professional, as well as clerks, mechanics and regular factory workers. The girls wore the uniform with trousers, which is common in England. The hardest thing was not having regular meals; she had to have her supper at half past four, to get to the factory in time, nothing from then till midnight, and in the morning too dead sleep to eat anything. They got so that they could sleep anywhere. Sometimes when work was not very pressing the foreman would let her and another girl go out for half an hour; then they would climb on the roof of a freight shed and sleep till they were awakened."

This is what thousands, millions indeed, of the women of our allies are doing to help win the war. In America these same conditions are beginning to be felt. Last summer, several hundred girls from Hunter College, in New York, spent their vacations doing such work in munition plants.

The Y. W. C. A. is doing great service in having places of rest available for these women when they are off duty, in having a bit of refreshment ready for them to enable them to continue their heroic work.

Part of the \$45,000 the Honolulu Y. W. C. A. is raising will go directly for this purpose.

KAUAI RED CROSS GIVEN PRAISE FOR EFFECTIVE WORK

Kauai is doing splendid Red Cross work and will enter with enthusiasm into the Christmas membership drive," says Secretary A. L. Castle of the Honolulu chapter on his return today from the Garden Island. He made a flying trip, held two meetings yesterday, and was back this morning.

"A meeting was held to organize and coordinate the work on both sides of the island, and the Garden Islanders have done an impressive amount," he says. "Both sides are hard at work, and Kauai will get the full credit for the splendid efforts put forth."

"Two meetings were held to start the Christmas campaign, one at Makawell and one at the Lihue armory. A committee consisting of Fred Patterson, A. Hebard, Case, Thorvald Brandt of Waiman, E. A. Knudsen and one other, still to be named, has been appointed and will get to work at once."

"The Woman's Auxiliary has sent out ten cases of supplies already and 300 comfort bags."

BANANAS ROTTING LACKING BOTTOMS

That the local banana situation remains as serious as ever is illustrated by the fact that, while 3000 to 4000 bunches were on the wharves yesterday, only 300 bunches were shipped to the mainland, there being no cargo space available to accommodate the remainder.

What is to become of the rest of the fruit is a question which is bothering local shippers, and the bananas will rot on the wharves unless steamers, whether American or foreign, which can carry them to San Francisco, call here in the near future.

It was pointed out today that, while bananas can now be shipped in foreign bottoms under a recent ruling by the federal shipping board, most of the coast-bound foreign steamers have no room for the fruit; that is, in parts of the vessels where the bananas may be safely stored. The infrequent calls of American vessels is also tending to make the conditions more serious.

Banana shippers and growers are likely to suffer a severe loss, it is declared, unless more cargo space becomes available, or unless means are found whereby the fruit may be used at home.

GIFTS FOR THE LITTLE FOLKS

Wooden Toys, Unbreakable Dolls, Blocks and Balls, as well as Children's and Infants' Dresses, Bonnets, etc., at the Baby Shop, 1190 Fort street.—Adv.

Baby Mildred Pearl Poomaikalani Asam will celebrate her first birthday anniversary on Saturday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Asam, at Kilohana Place, Emma street. She is one year old today.

Through an error it was announced in yesterday's paper that Mrs. Elizabeth Leialoha Kanepuu and Abraham K. Lota were to be married tonight at Kaumakapili church. The announcement should have read Miss Elizabeth Kanepuu.

WORKMEN'S ACT APPLIED DESPITE SUIT; PAY CLAIMS

In spite of the inactivity of the industrial accident board during the last six months, due to the pendency before the supreme court of the question of the validity of the workmen's compensation act, claims numbering about 1100 have been paid, either in whole or in part, by insurance carriers and employers. It was announced today. These claims are now awaiting the approval of the board and, when this is secured, they will be closed.

This cooperative courtesy on the part of insurance carriers and employers has seen the carrying out of the provisions of the compensation act and, when accidents have occurred, the injured ones have, with but one or two exceptions, received remuneration.

The decision of the supreme court yesterday upholding the validity of the act has been received very favorably by the members of the board, who believe that the opinion will be sustained should the case be taken to a higher court.

With the question now decided, the board will resume its hearings, and pass upon the 1100 claims now pending. It is probable, however, that active work will not be resumed until after the first of the year. About half a dozen death claims are pending, and the board is now in a position to hear and pass upon these.

A car, said to have been driven by Nigel Jackson, was found completely demolished near Kihapa quich last night by police officers. A report was sent to headquarters that a truck and



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Numerous applications from young men who desire to enter the aviation corps are being received by Maj.

Harold M. Clark, U. S. A., at department headquarters. These men are given mental and physical examinations here, and if they pass are then recommended to Washington.

As soon as the recommendations are approved by the war department and returned here the applicants are enrolled in the signal corps and sent to the mainland for training. This includes actual flying and the study of machines.

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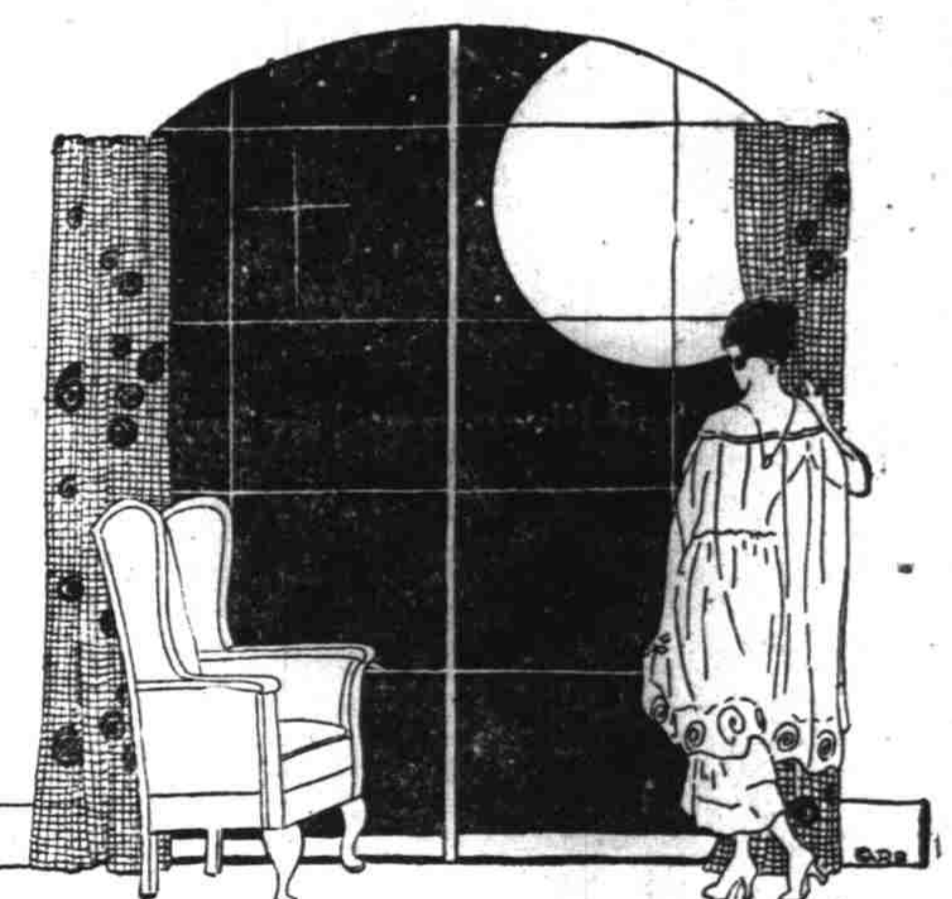
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